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Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—"May I just ask him whether the Research Institute at West Hill is purely intended for the purpose of making scientific experiments to find out the breeding places of fishes which have migrated from the coast?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—"The answer is in the affirmative."

Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—"With reference to clause (c), may I ask whether the hon. Minister is aware that one of the hon. Judges of the High Court of Madras, one District Judge of North Malabar, one District Medical Officer of Malabar, some English clergymen, the President of the District Board of Malabar, and Chairmen of every so many municipalities in Malabar have signed a memorandum admitting the migration of fishes from the West Coast and under the circumstances will not his intervention will be justified?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—"It is a fact that those gentlemen have signed some such memorandum. But the fact of it is that what they intended doing was some sort of philanthropic work. From the information we have from the Collector we find that although the situation requires help of a philanthropic nature, it does not require the taking up of famine relief operation."

Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—"Am I to presume that the Collector is of opinion that there is no necessity for departmental intervention for giving relief to the distressed people in the West Coast?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—"There is no necessity for taking any action as contemplated in the Famine Code."

Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—"May I know how he will account for his subordinates being on the committee specially organized to collect funds for relieving the distress caused to the fisherfolk when I am told that his subordinates are sending official reports saying that there is practically no distress?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—"There is difference between action of a philanthropic kind and otherwise."

Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—"Am I to understand that his subordinates have got the amorphous capacity? In one capacity they say that there is distress and in another capacity they say that there is no distress."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—"That is a matter of opinion."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"I am quite surprised. I want to know whether the Government have no philanthropic obligations to the people at all?"

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Forests.

Steps to abate ravages of fields by wild animals in South Kanara.

2378 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before the House the reply given by Government on 10th April 1926 to my letter forwarding the

resolutions passed at the meeting of the Wargadars held at Sullia in October 1925 about their forest grievances and to state—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Chief Conservator of Forests to make the cultivable area in reserved forests available for the purpose of cultivation and what is the area so made available in South Kanara;

(b) whether, as to protection from wild animals, it is a fact that shooting licences under the Arms Act are given to very few landowners and cultivators and that very few of them are well-to-do enough to purchase guns in the district; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to stop or abate the ravages of fields and gardens by wild animals from reserved forests in the district?

A.—A copy [a] of the reply referred to is appended.

(a) An area of 159·99 acres of reserved forest has been disforested and a further area of 167·36 acres has been admitted by the Chief Conservator as enclosures under section 18 of the Forest Act. The total area thus made available for cultivation is 327·35 acres.

(b) Licences for the possession of arms and ammunition for the destruction of wild animals that do injury to—

(1) human beings or cattle and
(2) to crops or cattle

are issued respectively in forms XVIII and XIX prescribed by the Indian Arms Rules, 1924. The numbers of such licences in force during the last five years in the South Kanara district were—

Year.	Licences in form XVIII.	Licences in form XIX.	Total number of licences.
1921	19	3,451	3,470
1922	16	3,407	3,423
1923	13	3,538	3,551
1924	13	3,546	3,559
1925	11	3,737	3,748

The Government have no reason to suppose that only very few of the landowners and cultivators are rich enough to purchase guns in the district.

(c) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to clause (b) of Legislative Council question No. 854 asked by Mr. Manjayya Heggade on 2nd November 1925.

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Application of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act to certain areas.

2379 Q.—Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some religious institutions within the territories to which the Madras Act I of 1925 applies own properties in places outside the purview of the said Act, and also that some maths and temples situated outside such territories derive considerable income from landed property or otherwise from within them; and

(b) if so, how the Act I of 1925 has been applied to such endowments in order to ensure their proper management?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1923 (Act I of 1925) gives jurisdiction only over institutions situated within the area to which the Act applies. All property of such institutions however, whether lying within or without such area is subject to the control and supervision of the Board. Conversely institutions situated outside the area to which the Act applies are free from the jurisdiction of the Board even in respect of property which lies within such area.

Agriculture.

Persons trained in Agricultural Colleges in this Presidency.

2380 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who received their training in Agricultural Colleges in this Presidency, and were qualified for appointment as Demonstrators of Agriculture ;

(*b*) how many of them are employed (i) in Government service, and (ii) in private service ; and

(*c*) how many are without any employment ?

A.—(*a*) The following are the figures for the past five years :—

	Holders of Proficiency certificates	165
	Diplomates (L.Ag.'s)	140
	B.Sc. Ag.'s	37
(*b*) (i)	Holders of Proficiency certificates	102
	Diplomates (L.Ag.'s)	110
	B.Sc. Ag.'s	33

(*b*) (ii) & (*c*) The Government have no definite information.

Deputation of Mr. R. W. Littlewood to study dairy farming.

2381 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is proposed to depute Mr. R. W. Littlewood, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Livestock, to Europe to study dairy farming and the latest methods of manufacture of condensed milk ;

(*b*) if so, what is the probable cost that will be incurred by the Government and how many years he is going to take to complete the course ;

(*c*) whether the Government have made enquiries to find out if competent Indians are available who have made a special study of dairy farming, etc., at their own cost in foreign countries ; and

(*d*) what is the age of Mr. Littlewood and how long he is expected to serve in India ?

A.—(*a*) Mr. Littlewood has applied for study leave in continuation of ordinary leave to study the latest methods of dairying. The grant of leave is still under consideration.

(*b*) The grant of leave will involve an additional cost of Rs. 2,500 approximately ; seven months.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 38 years. For at least 15 years more.